HOUSE BILL 3717

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-57-502; Section 8-42-101; Section 8-21-401; Section 9-8-307: Section 10-7-504: Section 28-3-104; Section 29-26-118; Section 29-26-119; Section 29-26-120; Section 29-26-121; Section 29-26-122; Section 29-26-202; Section 29-20-310; Section 29-26-115; Section 29-26-116; Section 29-26-117; Section 37-5-314; Section 56-3-111; Section 56-30-115; Section 56-31-114; Section 56-32-110: Section 56-32-130: Section 56-54-101: Section 56-54-102; Section 56-54-103; Section 56-54-104; Section 56-54-105; Section 56-54-106; Section 56-7-1001; Section 56-7-101; Section 56-7-115; Section 56-8-104; Section 56-13-104; Section 56-19-125; Section 56-2-201; Section 56-27-115: Section 61-1-306: Section 62-3-121: Section 63-25-110: Section 63-27-112: Section 63-3-119; Section 63-30-111; Section 63-31-109; Section 63-4-114; Section 63-5-124; Section 63-51-105; Section 63-51-111; Section 63-51-117; Section 63-6-214; Section 63-6-219; Section 63-6-221; Section 63-6-234; Section 63-8-120; Section 63-9-111; Section 63-9-117; Section 63-11-215; Section 63-12-124; Section 63-13-209; Section 63-23-108: Section 68-140-311: Section 68-140-511 and Section 68-11-223, relative to Tennessee Civil Justice Act of 2011.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-26-119, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Except as otherwise provided in the Tennessee Civil Justice Reform Act of 2011, in a health care liability action in which liability is admitted or established, the damages awarded may include (in addition to other elements of damages authorized by law) actual economic losses suffered by the claimant by reason of the personal injury including, but not limited to cost of reasonable and necessary medical care, rehabilitation services, and custodial care, loss of services and loss of earned income, but only to the

extent that such costs are not paid or payable and such losses are not replaced, or indemnified in whole or in part, by insurance provided by an employer, either governmental or private, by social security benefits, service benefit programs, unemployment benefits, or any other source except the assets of the claimant or of the members of the claimant's immediate family and insurance purchased in whole or in part, privately and individually.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.